

**Senate File 187 - Introduced**

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**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act authorizing the use of school district cash reserve  
2 funds for initial year preschool program funding and  
3 including effective date and applicability date provisions.  
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 256C.5, subsection 2, paragraph a, Code  
2 2017, is amended to read as follows:

3 a. For the initial school year for which a school district  
4 approved to participate in the preschool program receives that  
5 approval and implements the preschool program, the funding for  
6 the preschool foundation aid payable to that school district  
7 shall be paid from the appropriation made for that school year  
8 in [section 256C.6](#), Code 2011, or in another appropriation  
9 made for purposes of [this chapter](#). For that school year, the  
10 preschool foundation aid payable to the school district is  
11 the product of the regular program state cost per pupil for  
12 the school year multiplied by sixty percent of the school  
13 district's eligible student enrollment on the date in the  
14 school year determined by rule. In addition to the amount of  
15 preschool foundation aid payable to the school district for  
16 the initial year of implementation, the school district may  
17 authorize the expenditure of funds from the school district's  
18 cash reserve in order to meet the program's funding needs in  
19 the initial year of implementation if the amount needed by the  
20 school district exceeds the amount of preschool foundation  
21 aid received by the school district for that initial year of  
22 implementation.

23 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE UPON ENACTMENT. This Act, being deemed of  
24 immediate importance, takes effect upon enactment.

25 Sec. 3. APPLICABILITY. This Act applies to school budget  
26 years beginning on or after July 1, 2017.

27 EXPLANATION

28 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with  
29 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

30 Code section 256C.5 establishes requirements for the funding  
31 of a school district's approved preschool program during the  
32 program's initial year of implementation. For the initial  
33 school year for which a school district approved to participate  
34 in the preschool program receives that approval and implements  
35 the preschool program, the funding for the preschool foundation

1 aid payable to that school district shall be paid from the  
2 appropriation made for that school year in Code section 256C.6,  
3 Code 2011 (appropriations ended with FY 2011), or in another  
4 appropriation made for purposes of Code chapter 256C.

5     This bill provides that in addition to the amount of  
6 preschool foundation aid payable to the school district for  
7 the initial year of implementation, a school district may  
8 authorize the expenditure of funds from the school district's  
9 cash reserve in order to meet the program's funding needs in  
10 the initial year of implementation if the amount needed by the  
11 school district exceeds the amount of preschool foundation  
12 aid received by the school district for that initial year of  
13 implementation.

14     The bill takes effect upon enactment and applies to school  
15 budget years beginning on or after July 1, 2017.